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**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act Request on behalf of our client Golden Door  
**Attachments:** 2018-06-22 FOIA Request DOI.PDF

I am attaching correspondence on behalf of Taiga Takahashi. A hard copy will be sent via US mail.

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and 43 C.F.R. Pt. 2, on behalf of our client, the Golden Door, I hereby request the following federal records dated from January 1, 2016 to the present related to the Newland Project located in:

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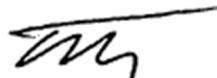
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In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i), please respond within 20 days of receipt of this request. To the extent that certain categories of requested documents are available before others, we ask that you please provide such documents on a rolling basis in electronic format. Please supply the requested documents without informing me of the cost if the fees do not exceed \$1,000.00, which I agree to pay as necessary. Otherwise, I ask that you notify me of any search or duplication costs exceeding \$1,000.00, so that I may decide which documents I want copied.

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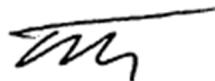
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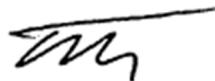
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